I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Arms and Ammunitions

Issue of gun licences in South Kanara.

* 759 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of gun licences issued during each of the last three years in South Kanara;

(*b*) the number of gun licence applications rejected during each of the last three years; and

(*c*) whether representations have been made to the Government for adopting a policy of liberal issue of licences for the protection of crops?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information but have called for it.

(*c*) Yes; from the Joint Secretary, Karkala Taluk Landholders' Association, Karkala.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know whether the Government have considered the representation made by the Karkala Taluk Landholders' Association asking the Government to adopt a policy of liberal issue of gun licences for the protection of crops?"

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—"No Sir. According to rules, resolutions are not considered; if representation is made by a petition or a letter, it receives consideration."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I ask whether the Hon. the Home Member will be pleased to suggest to the Collector not to cancel licences merely on the ground of non-purchase of ammunition in a particular year, because the licensee might have used the ammunition he had purchased the previous year or he might have borrowed ammunition from his friends?"

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—"I shall consider the suggestion of the hon. Member."

Forests

Scale of fees charged in Salem and Coimbatore for certain forest concessions.

* 760 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the rates are of fees for grazing, for collecting green manure and firewood in the reserved and panchayat forests in Salem and in Coimbatore districts;

(*b*) when the rates have been fixed;

(*c*) whether the rates have been cut down recently on account of the all-round depression; and

(*d*) if so, from how much to how much?